

Seaforth Parent Advisory Council

By Cheryl Healey

Your **Seaforth Parent Advisory Council** would like to **welcome** all our new and returning families to **École Seaforth Elementary School**. The 2014/2015 school year is now off to a start and there will be plenty of activities, programs and resources offered again at Seaforth that continue to keep our school at the head of the class.

Our Parent Advisory Council **Annual General Meeting** was well attended June 25th at Charles Rummel Community Center, and I would like to thank you for your continued support and introduce your elected **2014/2015 PAC Executives**.

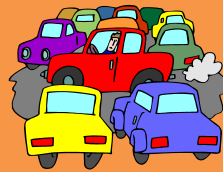
Cheryl Healey	PAC Chairperson
Lisa Buysse	PAC Vice Chairperson
Grace Wen	Treasurer
Tricia Pederson	Treasurer
Vacant	Secretary
Vacant	District Parent Advisory Council Representative
Vacant	Canadian Parents for French Representative

Members at Large

Annemarie Shumas, Lesli Cowan, Shannon Chin and Penny Chisholm.

If you are interested in filling one of the three vacant positions, or have questions about the positions, please contact **Cheryl Healey** at chair@seaforthpac.net. Our first Pac meeting will be **Wednesday October 15th at 7pm** in the library. Childcare and light refreshments will be provided. Attending a PAC meeting is a great way to connect with other Seaforth families and the new PAC Executives. **The PAC is here to represent our students and their families along with the diversity within our community.** We provide a **voice within the school system** and support public education. If you are a parent or guardian of a student at Seaforth, you are a member of the Parent Advisory Council and welcome to attend our regular PAC General Meetings.

"The Heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others."--DeAnn Hollis



Parking, Drop off and Pick up

There is a designated **pickup and drop off zone** located on **Piper Street** in front of the Seaforth entrance. If you are using this area for drop off and pick up, we ask that you pull your vehicle all the way forward to allow more room for the vehicle behind you and **please do not park in the drop off and pick up zone**. There is also parking available on **Hunter**, further south on both sides of the street and on **Piper**. Jensen Place also has parking available in the mornings only. Please do **not drop off** and pick up in the **cul-de-sac** on **Jensen Place**. There are no crossing guards at this location or sidewalks for our students. Cars blocking the entrance to the school make it difficult for our students to get to school safely. We ask that you please abide by the posted traffic signs around the school. Parking is also available at Charles Rummel Park which is a quick walk away. Thank you for respecting the traffic rules and helping our children begin and end their school day at Seaforth safely.

PAC Fundraising



The Seaforth PAC provides funds to support your children's school experience. In the past, funds have been used to upgrade our computer lab, purchase iPads, gym and playground equipment, library books, Rainy Day Boxes, Santa Breakfast, Spirit Day, Sports Day, a Seaforth Scholarship, educational speakers, noon hour activities, earthquake container, Grade 7 graduation and Quebec trip. With your support the PAC also provides funds to each classroom to be used towards extra supplies, cooking programs, field trips, personalised resource materials and special requests from the school. The PAC fundraises through the **Seaforth Hot Lunch program, Popcorn Fridays, Christmas Art Cards, Carnival, Family Socials** and a **Donation Request Letter**. Instead of fundraising through cookie and plant sales the PAC solicits funds through the **Seaforth Donation Program** that runs every fall. **Funds from this program support your child directly and are greatly appreciated.**

Family Photo Night

Mark your calendar for this Seaforth tradition on **October 20-23rd** from **4:30-9:30pm**. Families come each year to have their portraits taken in an environment that is familiar to the children. Mountain West Studios will be providing an **8X10 photo** selected from proofs by you for only **\$20**. Registration forms for this popular night will be coming home soon so be sure to register for this sell out event.



**Boston Pizza 4219
Lougheed Hwy**

Seaforth has once again teamed up with **Boston Pizza at 4219 Lougheed Hwy** for a fundraising program. **10% of your bill will go directly to your Seaforth PAC.** Simply ask the server to add Seaforth Elementary to the back of the bill and all funds will be distributed back to the school ANYTIME! So visit often.



If you are ordering from Mabel's Labels between **September 22** and **November 22**, **20%** of the proceeds from your purchase can be directed towards supporting your Seaforth PAC. Be sure to select **Seaforth Elementary PAC** when placing your order. We appreciate your support.

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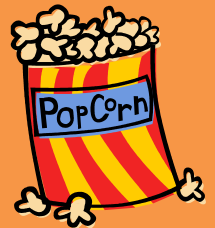
THE SECOND HAUNTING....

The **ghouls will be back in town** for the second haunting of **Boston Pizza 4219 Lougheed Hwy Burnaby** on **October 27th at 6pm**. Family and friends are welcome to dress up and join us for this **spooktacular** haunt with door prizes and raffles. Tickets to reserve your seat will be available in October.



Popcorn Friday

The aroma of popcorn will be in the air again starting **Friday September 26th** at recess. Be sure to bring your **\$1** to the popcorn ladies at the front entrance of the school to receive this tasty treat



**DOUGH
RAISER
PROGRAM**

École Seaforth Elementary School has partnered with **Cobs Bread in Lougheed Mall** for the 2014-2015 school year to raise some extra dough. **5%** of all purchases by families and members of **Seaforth Elementary School** will be donated directly back to Seaforth. Please mention our school name to the cashier at the time of your purchase.

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Volunteers are appreciated and needed

With your involvement and ideas, anything is possible. I encourage you to have a look at the list below and consider signing up for one of the many positions that will be available this year or any new ones that you can think of.

Please note that all Coordinators will receive information about last year's events and guidance from our experienced PAC Exec to help you run a successful event.

- ☐ **CROSSWALK SUPERVISION:** We need adult volunteers to provide assistance to our dedicated student crossing guards. Shifts are from 8:45-9:00 am or 2:55-3:10 pm.:
 - ☐ Mornings (8:45-9:00 am) MON TUES WED THURS FRI
 - ☐ Afternoons (2:55-3:10 pm) MON TUES WED THURS FRI
(Circle the days you are available)

- ☐ **TRAFFIC SUPERVISION:** We need adult volunteers to monitor the pick-up/drop-off zone and ensure parents are following the traffic safety rules. Shifts are from 8:45-9:00 am or 2:55-3:10 pm.
 - ☐ Mornings (8:45-9:00 am) MON TUES WED THURS FRI
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- ☐ **CHECK-A-CHILD:** Every morning the check-a-child volunteers review classroom attendance lists and call the parents of absent children to ensure they are legitimately absent (sometimes parents forget to call if children are sick or on holiday) rather than missing. Shifts are 9-9:55
 - ☐ Mornings (9-9:55am) MON TUES WED THURS FRI
(Circle the days you are available)

- ☐ **GRADE SEVEN GRAD COMMITTEE:** Volunteers are needed for this joint staff–parent committee to organize year-end events for the graduating class.

- ☐ **FAMILY PHOTO NIGHT:** To be held for four nights in October 20-23 in the library. We need volunteers to help throughout the evenings of the photo session while our photographer captures those moments that will last a lifetime.

*******SANTA'S BREAKFAST:** This annual event is scheduled for December 19th. A separate notice will be going home the first week of December for this event. Please sign up when the Santa's Breakfast form goes home.

- ☐ **JINGLE BELL WALK:** .This annual event is scheduled for December 12. Parent drivers of this mini-van brigade are needed to accompany the children as they collect food for the food bank, and also to pack the food into boxes. The time commitment is from one to three hours.
 - ☐ Coordinator ☐ Driver (all vehicles welcome!) ☐ Packer

- ☐ **FAMILY SOCIAL:** To be held in February or later in the spring, we're looking for ideas to turn this social event (and major fundraiser) into something that is fun for the whole family. We need to start planning before Christmas. Get a group of friends together and let's start planning!
- ☐ **SPIRIT DAY:** Spirit Day is a one-day conference for all Seaforth students. Parents, teachers and guest lecturers volunteer to run a seminar in topics ranging from karate, soccer skills, building bird feeders, planting gardens and crafts. Students get to choose three courses, giving them an opportunity to explore areas of interest they may not otherwise have a chance to experience. We need coordinators to plan the day and recruit speakers and many volunteers on the day to ensure it runs smoothly.
 - ☐ Committee
 - ☐ Event day helper
- ☐ **SPORTS DAY:** Scheduled for May 15th. Teachers coordinate this sporting event and the PAC runs a concession to keep parents and siblings fed and hydrated as they watch the events. We need help on the event day and with running concession.
- ☐ **PARENT & STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON:** This appreciation luncheon is held in May. A committee coordinates this event and volunteers help on the day to get everything organized, decorate and then clean up.
- ☐ **PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE:** To develop a plan to upgrade the playground equipment to ensure it offers the highest level of safety and enjoyment for our students.
- ☐ **PAC GENERAL MEETING SIGNAGE:** A volunteer is needed to put up three meeting signs around the school before 8:30 am on the morning of each general meeting and take them down in the evening after the meeting or the next day.
- ☐ **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE:** To work with the school principal to ensure our emergency container is adequately stocked and to help coordinate disaster plans and drills.
- ☐ **ALL-ROUND GOOD SAMARITAN:** Parents are always needed for events that come up throughout the year and for new events that we haven't set dates for yet. If you are able to help every once in a while, please indicate your availability:

*** Please MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the events you have signed up for and return this form to the office as soon as possible!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Thank you for your support!